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ONLY 600 ENGINEERS TO GO TO HELL!

Red Cross Blood Campaign

Let's see if we red-blooded engineers can wrest the Skule cannon from those green Foresters! The opportunity presents itself due to the Red Cross Blood Donation Unit's arrival on the Campus, from January 31 to February 4.

Donation times have already been assigned to the faculty, and all you have to do is to see your class rep. for a time suitable for you. Remember the donation is completely voluntary and goes towards disaster and flood relief, hospitals and polio research.

Besides the School cannon, the inter-university corpuscule cup is also at stake, it will be awarded to the university with the greatest per capita donation. So let's all get out there and bleed for the Skule cannon and corpuscule cup.



Two reps from HADES try to entice a virtuous 4th year man into their den (School-At-Home). Being a practical man, he'll be sure to go. One trip to Hell (one way) only \$3.00.

ENG. SOC. CONSTITUTION RESTORED REPORT TO CAPUT MADE PUBLIC

The Engineering Society once more has a constitution. The Faculty Council adopted a report from the Committee to Direct the Affairs of the Engineering Society During the Suspension of its Constitution which recommended "that the suspension of the Constitution of the Engineering Society be now raised." The Executive of the Society was informed of this decision on January 11th, the day of the last Executive meeting. Also at this meeting the President, with the permission of the Faculty Council, made public the contents of the report which he and the First Vice-President composed and submitted to the Caput of the University last September. Following is a precis of that report.

Abstract

As a result of the disturbance on September 23rd the Engineering Society was given the responsibility of investigating the incidents and the President and the First Vice-President made up the Investigating Committee.

The Freshman Tour of the Campus on September 23rd resulted in a demonstration, injury to Professor McAndrew and the removal of much equipment from other college buildings. The Engineering Society was asked to investigate by the Faculty Council.

Both verbal and written apologies have been sent to Professor McAndrew, the heads of the college buildings concerned and the Students' Administrative Council. During the investigation individual freshmen were interviewed in order to reconstruct the incident.

From the mass of information

obtained, we can only conclude that the incident was largely a case of mob hysteria. There do not seem any particular persons guilty of trying to incite and we can only conclude that Prof. McAndrew was not deliberately struck by any one student as was intimated in the newspapers.

Reconstruction of the Tour
After singing several Engineering songs, twice firing the cannon and an orderly tour through Hart House, the freshmen were assembled and addressed outside of University College. Before the Officer of the Engineering Society had finished a small group broke from the group and entered the building followed by some 400 Engineers.

Professor McAndrew on hearing them enter, went into the hall, welcomed them and asked them if they would move through as quickly as possible. As they went they tore all notices off the walls, upset a ticket-selling table in the rotunda scattering the money, and ran into the West Hall. The Professor tried to apprehend one student in the Hall but as a result was carried down a narrow hall and inadvertently fell against the wall as the group surged past. A few students assisted the Professor and the girl selling tickets while the remainder carried on removing equipment from the building.

Trinity College was relatively unaffected by the group. Reports of students being striped and coeds being molested are completely false.

On the way to Victoria, the traffic on the Crescent was disrupted. On arrival several pieces of equipment were removed from the building and some of it damaged as a result of a scuffle between the Engineering boys and some Vic men.

An auto was lifted into the doorway of Hart House but removed by the same group.

Publicity

Both pictures and interviews given the Varsity reached the downtown papers via Varsity staff members. The Executive of the Society feel that this action on the part of the Varsity was a breach of confidence to the Executive and certainly a very disloyal act to the University. It is to be noted that the Officers of the Society interviewed all students of the first year in their investigation. They found the students cooperative, sound, sane people, ashamed of their actions and anxious to make amends.

Conclusions

The responsibility for the entire incident can probably be put as much on the Engineering Society and the upper years as on the freshmen class, in that we knew the tour was going to take place and did not have enough senior students present. This lack of wisdom on our behalf is perhaps a result of the climate built up over the last few years.

Recommendations

The Engineering Society must never again organize or willingly condone a tour of any building outside our Faculty.

The Engineering Society must seek some other type of Freshman Reception. 'Engineers' Hats' are now a symbol of disgrace and should never again appear on the campus. Perhaps a return to the green ties of earlier days is in order, or some other means of

Informed sources have announced that only 600 tickets will be sold. Since there are over 1800 engineers, simple slide rule operations will prove that not everyone will be able to attend the

Engineering At-Home

Thursday, February 3rd, 1955

Royal York Hotel

9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Dress—Semi-Formal Tickets—\$3.00

This year's At-Home will be the best social event of the season. Built around the hot out-of-this-world theme of "Hades" and featuring two bands, professional entertainment, favours, and lots of fun, it's THE DANCE no one wants to miss.

The First Veep, Bill Deeks, and his committee have been working overtime on the At-Home. They've hired Benny Louis and Frank Bogart to provide music in two ballrooms of the Royal York Hotel. High calibre professional entertainment has been obtained. Devilishly clever decorations have been thought up and are presently being built to ensure the effectiveness of the theme. There'll be favours for the girls and the engineers too. The nature of the favours cannot be disclosed until the At-Home, but it is understood these too, will follow the theme.

Again this year a DATE BUREAU will be functioning, but this time it'll be run by the girls of S.P.S. who have hitherto secret sources of getting dates for engineers. A sizeable number of honeys are already on file. However, to make sure, get into the Stores today between 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. The DATE BUREAU will continue with these hours every day until the demand is satisfied or the supply runs out.

Remember, it's only thirteen days until the biggest and best event of the year, however, there is no guarantee tickets will be available for much longer. Hurry and get yours now!

"SKULEMEN or ENGINEERS"

Immediately after the war, while a portion of the School of Practical Science was at Ajax, two customs seem to have arisen. One, which has since become an institution on the campus, is the singing of "Lady Godiva" as the engineers' song. The other is the substitution of "Skule" for "School" or "S.P.S." as the short form for "School of Practical Science".

The name "School" evolved from the engineering building being called the "little red School house". "School" was used to some extent in reference to engineers in such terms as "Schoolhouse" and "School-at-

Home". The term "School", however, never enjoyed the popularity that the recent "Skule" enjoys. It has become so ingrained in campus talk that every engineer is a "Skuleman" and all references to S.P.S. are shortened to references to "Skule".

Question has arisen as to whether this is a good thing. Perhaps it is, in that it gives S.P.S. a distinctive touch—something to catch the eye—a characteristic of its own, so to speak—as if we needed another characteristic of our own.

On the other hand, very few people outside the University understand "Skule" to mean the engineering faculty and every reference on the campus to "school" in general is coming to mean the engineering faculty. This understanding has grown in such proportions that at the University in casual conversation the words "Skule" and "Skulemen" are far more prevalent than "S.P.S." and "engineers".

A custom or habit of five years is not a tradition, but may quickly become one. If we begin now by calling ourselves "engineers", and our faculty "engineering" or S.P.S., then perhaps in a short time we will once again be known as engineers. We can save School for the more informal reference, such as School Dinner or School-at-Home, where everyone concerned will understand the meaning. Let's just forget about Skule.

A small point, you say?? Maybe—but after we graduate we want to be known as a professional engineer, not a graduate Skuleman.

recognition. It is felt that a symbol for the freshmen is still necessary, not so much for initiation purposes, but more in order to let one freshman recognize another first year student of his faculty.

It is realized that the nature of the School Auction will have to be changed, but it would be a shame to see the Auction cut out, inasmuch as the proceeds from it (and they are considerable) go to charity and it is also a means of publicizing School Night.

This ended the body of the report. Following this there were statements by the Engineering Society Director of Publicity and Publications, and from fourth year students from Pharmacy, University College, and Trinity College who were in University College when the Engineers went through. These were mainly eye witness accounts that were borne out by writers of the main report.

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EDITORIAL

Course Critiques

One of the easiest things in the world to do is to criticize. Everything can stand criticism—teaching included. Obtaining qualified lecturers at this professional school must be a very difficult task as the graduate has many lucrative fields open to him, and if teaching were his first objective he probably would not have enrolled in Applied Science.

It is a credit to our faculty that we have so many excellent men on our staff; however, the fact must be faced—there are poor men as well. In any vocation this is true, some are competent and some are not. But the question we wish to raise is, "How are the two separated in this institution?"

Is attendance taken at lectures? Are the marks of a class an indication of the lecturer's ability, or does the administration realize that the least competent lecturer is just as capable as the most competent in teaching what is going to be on the exam? Do supervisors, or does the Dean sit in and listen to a lecturer in order to judge his capabilities, as is done by the principal at the high schools? Does intelligence or success in his particular field separate a capable from a less capable lecturer?

In each case the answer is NO!

We believe that student reaction not only to lecturers but also to courses is essential knowledge when planning and operating any educational system. As far as we are concerned the best method to obtain information on these matters is to conduct course critiques in all fourth year classes.

Each student could be required to fill out a questionnaire or write an essay giving objective criticism of his four years at the University. Most fourth year students would be quite willing to give their personal opinions freely if such a scheme were carried out whereas under the present system they might hesitate to give unsolicited opinions, especially those that are unfavourable. Although it may seem ridiculous, and not possible to prove, an unfavourable opinion could reflect upon a student's results, as all exam papers are identified by names rather than by numbers. There must have been reasons for the Arts Colleges instituting a numbering procedure, and no doubt one reason was to eliminate all favouritism.

A course critique could be tried as an experiment. It would require little effort to conduct, but to be of value it would necessitate sincere application upon the part of both student and faculty.

Some method of appraisal is essential, why do not those who are most greatly affected give their opinions?

To Whom It May Concern

At the Engineering Society Executive Meeting held on Tuesday, November 23rd, 1954, the following two motions were passed:

- 1. "Orders for Engineering jackets will no longer be taken in the School Stores."
- 2. "This Society goes on record to say that the undergraduates of this faculty should dress in a manner suitable to the engineering profession."



"Mutual Boredom?"

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATIONS

The mid-term exams at U. of T. have gone down in history. The noble battle against ignorance has been fought and won or lost? Unbelievably enough, in U-N-I-V-E-R-S-I-T-Y, many students still leave their studying until a fever of desperation goads them to one final spasm of effort. The last remaining hours tick by as 600 frantic students begin searching through miles and miles of handwriting for hidden facts. The writing is sometimes so illegible that those facts are submerged for eternity. Now that these exams are over and the threat of the finals has not yet dulled our razor minds we can casually look back at the ordeal and see if any benefit was derived from it. For the exact details, we may look into the office of Dean McLaughlin of S.P.S. In an interview with the Dean, some very interesting items were brought to light.

The idea, of course, of mid-year examinations is not new, but this is the first time it has been used at S.P.S. The purpose of these exams is to provide an opportunity for a pupil to test how he has adapted himself to his surroundings and new methods of learning. If he cannot make 35%, which is not quite the required 60% in his exams after some kind of reasonable effort it is highly probable that said student is not in the right course and should withdraw. If the student has not troubled himself to make any preparation, then his very lack of interest is indicative.

As to whether the exam papers should be handed back, the Dean mentioned the necessity of retaining them in case an appeal should be made for a passing mark. For the undergrads to receive their paper and their petition for higher marks would mean a prohibitive amount of work for the professors involved. Most of this work would be wasted in regard to the Christmas exams because the marks will not be directly counted on the final results anyway, except in the case of a candidate with a failing mark. If the Christmas mark is high enough and the final is a near pass, credit for the subject might be granted. The Dean stated that he saw no immediate reason why these papers couldn't be returned at the end of the year, when the question of marks was out of the picture and the exams were sought for antique value only. He then completed his remarks by saying that although the engineering courses have undoubtedly become harder throughout the years the same high standards were maintained throughout.

The probable reason for this last occurrence is due to the perfection and manifold application of the soothing ballad "Godiva" which unfailingly bucks up the spirit in time of woe, and the undominatable and sterling character of the engineers.

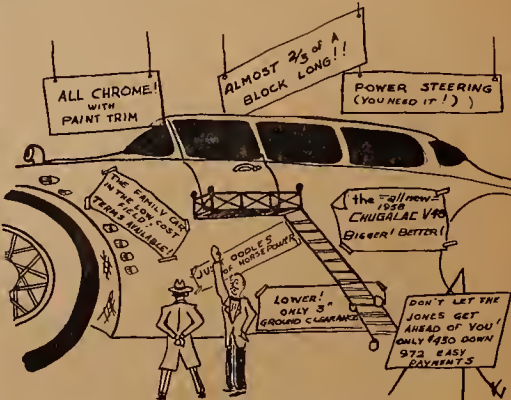
Add to the above perambulations of the pen the fact that these exams afford critically necessary experience for the finals and you have a reasonably sound argument for the Christmas Queries.

General Meeting of the Engineering Society



CYRIL N. HOYLER

The 3rd General Meeting of the Engineering Society will be held in T102 on Friday, January 28th at 12:30 noon. It will consist mainly of a 1½ hour talk and demonstration by Cyril N. Hoyler of R.C.A. on the "Principles of Colour Television." Colour television and transistors are very promising new ideas and the meeting will be very interesting to all engineering students, as well as those enrolled in the particular courses that study these principles. Space is at a premium at these meetings, as you know from previous meetings this year, so get out early and bring your lunch. Lecturers will be cancelled from 12 to 2 as usual.



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THE PROFESSION

Professional Week

Ont. Assoc. of Professional Engineers

"Professional Week" is to be held this week during the week of January 24th to 28th according to a motion of the last executive meeting of the Engineering Society. During the week it will be attempted to present the advantages of belong to at least one Professional Association.

The many professional groups in the Toronto area present many items of particular interest and advantage to student members. These include:

- (1) Meetings where students can meet prominent men in the engineering field and discuss problems of their future interests.
- (2) Journals and proceedings of the meetings which the student will find very interesting and informative.
- (3) Employment services through their journal advertisements and in some cases in the form of an employment bureau, although these services seldom contain summer employment opportunities.
- (4) Generally speaking student members are admitted to these societies at substantially reduced rates which do not even pay for the cost of journals received.

The object this week is for every undergraduate engineering student at S.P.S. to become a member of at least one professional association. Don't let this week go by without asking your fellow member and your faculty about your particular societies whether they be C.I.C., A.S.M.E.,

A.I.E.E. or any other society. Don't forget also, the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario. This is one association we will nearly all belong to sooner or later, and it can never hurt us to find out about it ahead of time. Professor W. L. Sagar of our School is the immediate past president of this association and has taken a very great interest in the "profession" of engineering in our province. Another of our professors, M. W. Huggins, has recently become the Chairman of the Toronto Branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada for 1955. The Institute is a professional association of a more general and more Canadian aspect than most of the others, and it is highly recommended.

E.I.C. Students' Night

In connection with our Professional Week here at School, the E.I.C. Toronto Branch is holding its annual Students' Night on Thursday evening, January 27th at 8:15 p.m. in Hart House Debates Room. This promises to be another interesting evening along the lines of the popular panel discussion held last year. Once again, there have been gathered together some of the well known names in School activities as well as a few grads who may or may not be able to answer the questions put to them by Monty Laughlin of the firm of Proctor, Redfern & Laughlin. Each school club will be represented, and there is rumour of a great struggle among them for

Recently I visited the Head Office of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario and had an extremely interesting interview with Mr. J. M. Muir, the Registrar of the Association. Mr. Muir was very helpful and gave me a great deal of information about the Association which I would like to pass on to the reader.

Contrary to popular opinion, the Association is not a voluntary organization such as the Optimists. To practice as a Professional Engineer in Ontario, one must be registered by the Ontario Association. The Ontario Professional Engineer's Act requires this and anyone who does not abide by this law can be fined and, if the offence occurs, he can be sent to jail. To quote Mr. Muir: "The main purpose of the Act is to protect the public against those not properly qualified to do the work of an Engineer."

The Association was set up in 1922 to administer the above

the per centage attendance prize. Get out and help your club chairman—learn about E.I.C.—take a chance on winning a prize—and, at any rate, make use of the free coffee and doughnuts. It is hoped that some prominent men in the personnel field will be present to discuss any questions regarding employment or opportunities in which students are interested. This is a particularly good opportunity for the graduating class as well as those who might be considering transferring courses.

mentioned Act. It is governed by a Council of 14 officers and a councillor elected by membership and 5 more appointed by the Lieutenant governor. They investigate the qualifications of the applicants and pass them for membership. They set the standards for recognition and administer and enforce the Act.

The Association publishes a monthly news-sheet and other bulletins relating to Engineering. It engages in public relations activities to keep the public informed as to the aims and achievements of professional Engineers. It also publishes suggested salary schedules and consulting fees, sponsors a group plan for life insurance and income insurance for members, maintains liaison with similar registering bodies with the aim of achieving greater uniformity of policy and action, awards scholarships to Engineering students and helps in salary and other surveys. As you can see the Association performs many duties and can be very helpful to an Engineer.

Recently the Association published a leaflet on a first year University study entitled "So you want to be an Engineer". A copy of the leaflet was sent to the first year students as part of a series entitled "Silent Service is not Enough". The series contains articles on almost every conceivable topic to do with professional life and is extremely interesting and valuable. A copy of this booklet may be obtained by writing to the head office of the association, 236 Avenue Road, Toronto. The offices of Mr. Muir and of Mr. T. M. Medland, Executive Director, are located there.

The rules of the Association require a candidate for registration to have 5 years of engineering experience before becoming a member. He must also be over 21. The four years spent at a recognized University are counted as experience as are years in the Armed Services in Technical work. Annually the Board gives a set of examinations to applicants but graduates of University may be granted exemption. The membership fees are thirteen dollars per year.

The Council has the right to suspend or expel any member for breaking the Association rules, unprofessional conduct or gross negligence. The Ontario Association also publishes a Code of Ethics and By-Laws which covers this.

The Engineering Institute of Canada is a similar Association and has its Head Office in the same building. The Institute is the Technical home of the profession.

Since its foundation in 1922 the Association has built the profession, both salary-wise and prestige-wise into one of the best classes of employment. We who are about to enter the Association should be grateful to the men who built it; men like Mr. Muir, to whose kindness I owe the material contained in this article.

—Richard Taylor.

Female Representation

Female graduates of professional faculties are usually better representatives of their profession than are many of the males; and this seems to be particularly true in the Engineering profession.

In the early phases of development of the engineering profession a great deal of strenuous physical work was involved which restricted the entry of women into the profession. Since then engineering has embraced more activities in which women are readily adaptable. In the United States there are approximately 4,000 female engineers out of a total of 450,000 and in Europe women also are gaining prominence in the field of engineering. But traditionally conservative Canada seems to be slow to realize this changing social tradition.

To enrol in the Engineering Faculty women must buck considerable convention and it is because of this that the type of girls that do enrol are prime examples of what is desirable in this profession with its high set of ethics. The female undergrads seem to be more purposeful and keen in their studies than many of the male undergrads. Some of the males seem to lack a professional outlook in their studies. Many have drifted into the course; many are here because friends are here; many wish to get a degree without the rigours of English and History; many are interested only in a good job and high salary. If these fellows would stop and consider their female classmates who are in the profession because of their interest they could not help but be impressed.

The Faculty of Engineering could not help but profit by an increase in the number of female undergrads. Their presence in the classes would improve their fellow student's attitude, making them more mature. The dress would be improved for social reasons. The juvenility and vulgarity of some of the more immature males would be suppressed. This would have far-reaching effects on the opinions of many other university students, faculty and the public in general, regarding the typical engineering student.

The attitude of the staff and the male undergrads toward the girls in engineering is very encouraging. The girls are accepted by their classmates in a somewhat quizzical manner at first but with complete acceptance and impartiality shortly after. They do not discriminate against the girls but accept them as lab partners and classmates in a manner that should be very encouraging to any girls who is

thinking of entering this faculty. This is an important fact that all engineers should be proud of. In the opinion of several female engineering undergrads they are better treated and accepted than the girls in some other faculties. In the faculty to the east of us the females are on occasion frowned on and resented both by the faculty and the students. Also in the Commerce course, where the number of girls is small, the girls are often offended by the crude outbursts from lecturers and students. The Engineering Faculty is much more respectful and polite in their treatment of their female students.

There are considerable opportunities for women in the fields of chemistry, physics, metallurgy, electricity, and many women are active in the mechanical and civil fields. Women usually start working as either laboratory technicians or draftsman. They are likely to join larger industrial organizations that have research and testing laboratories where they will work as development, planning, testing or quality control engineers. Graduates report that they find fellow workers free of prejudice, cooperative and pleasant associates. They are able to achieve advancement on a merit basis comparable to that of male engineers.

The home is becoming mechanized in keeping with the modern trend and housework is becoming easier and more uninteresting as each year goes by. Automatic push-button stoves, dish washers, dryers, mixmasters, ironers and a host of other gadgets have made a housewife's work much easier. Packaged and canned foods, along with ready mixes have made the job of a housewife more and more impersonal. Thus housewives have more time on their hands. This results in an increased number of women's auxiliaries, women in politics and women taking a greater interest in the professions, research and society.

It is the duty of the Canadian engineer to encourage women to enter into the Engineering Profession to the same extent as in the United Kingdom, the United States and Russia.

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EDITORIAL

The Engineering Fracas

Now that things are back to normal it might be appropriate to make some comments on the whole incident.

An intelligent outsider might be somewhat mystified by the actions of certain bodies and individuals as they exercised their authority during the course of proceedings. He might sensibly conclude that the whole event was the product of a silly tradition and that the only way around this is to educate the junior undergrads to a better awareness of how they shape public opinion about the Engineering profession. He might view the investigation and the Engineering Society's part in this as an excellent means to make the whole faculty conscious of their erroneous attitudes. But such was not the case. The investigation is carried on by only two senior men in a most secretive manner and the report is not made public until long after the average undergrad has forgotten that a riot ever occurred.

Then the Caput prepares its decision. Our outsider expects some positive measures to curtail the size of gatherings in the university's largest faculty and a sound statement about the ridiculous tradition of beer, noise, misspelling and obtrusive packets. He might even hope the best and expect some comment on student-faculty relationships in the Engineering School.

But no. The Caput relieves the Society of \$4000 and makes another statement—something about a constitution—to which absolutely no real meaning is attached but only formal charges made for the public's benefit. These measures do not enhance the prestige of the Caput.

But our outsider gets a chuckle out of the last ironical step made by the Caput. On receipt of the money from the Engineering Society, all of whose troubles result from too large a faculty, the Caput sets up a bursary fund enabling more young men to attend the Engineering School.—J.B.

Course Clubs

It is to be noted from a survey of club activities so far this year that for the most part the Clubs are operating in an original and energetic way, not worried very much by their decreased funds and doing a great deal for their members.

There are, however, some clubs with Executives which are singularly lazy and bereft of ideas. These fellows should not delude themselves by thinking that their inactivity is a result of course apathy and that their classmates could not be moved to attend well organized functions. Mr. Suboch's meetings prove this attitude erroneous. The Chairman and Executives are elected to lead, not to be pushed along from behind.

We can only conclude that these Executives maintain their positions for their alleged prestige value and not for any joy they get out of organizing non-existent course functions. We would ask these fellows, and they know who they are, to step down from their positions immediately and let some more mature and responsible person take their place.

—J. B.

THE CASE FOR NFCUS

The next SAC meeting will mark the survival or defeat of NFCUS on the Toronto campus. At this meeting, the SAC reps will vote as they have been instructed by their college governments on the matter of increasing Toronto's fee to NFCUS to 50 cents per capita next year, and hence remaining in NFCUS. If the 50c fee issue is defeated Toronto will be officially out of NFCUS.

The argument for the 50c fee is this: Toronto was given the ultimatum at the last annual NFCUS conference (held in Hart House October 18-23) that either she promise by January 31st, 1955, a fee levy of 50c per capita to NFCUS next year (and remain in at 20c this year) or she would be rejected from this National Federation of Canadian University Students altogether. This is the issue to be decided on January 26th—the next SAC meeting.

NFCUS is a potential of Canadian University Students. This organization is the focal point of our student opinion. NFCUS is recognized by student organizations such as COSEC (Coordinating Secretariat), an organization which embraces over 45 student unions. Each year, NFCUS sends observers to the International Union of Students—an organization representing student unions in middle Europe and Asia. Internationally, NFCUS is recognized as a powerful voice in student opinion.

Toronto is taking an active part in the work of NFCUS this year: 1) Toronto this year received the national scholarship and bursary campaign mandate to be run

by its NFCUS National Committee.

2) This has resulted in:

—A meeting with federal MPs from the Toronto area with SAC NFCUS representatives.
—Two Toronto reps included in the presentation of a brief and personal interview with P.M. St. Laurent.

—Preparation of a meeting with prov. MPs on Jan. 21st with SAC, NFCUS reps.

—Approaches to and support from local and national organizations for this project.

—Attendant publicity for the University of Toronto in dailies and other publications.

—A private member's bill in the Dominion Parliament.

3) Toronto for the second year is carrying on a successful and worthwhile NFCUS National Art Competition.

4) The NFCUS regional conference will be held at the University of Toronto on the last weekend of January.

5) In the past, Toronto students have been particularly active in national NFCUS projects (Bob Sutherland and Syd Wax were both NFCUS International Activities Commissioners as well as presidents of the SAC, for example).

If the NFCUS is defeated on this campus, the whole National Organization may well crumble. Toronto constitutes nearly a fifth of the total student population of this union—if we back out of NFCUS it will be materially weakened.

GORDON HURLBURT,
SAC NFCUS Chairman.



CARNIVAL QUEEN NOMINEE

Above you see Joan Pierdon, 3rd Metallurgy, the engineer's Carnival Queen candidate. Joan, along with the other contestants will officiate at many of the carnival events at Caledon during the weekend. On Sunday they will vie for the honour of being chosen as "the girl most likely to survive in an igloo".

OUR CLUBS

A recent survey of Engineering Course clubs shows that the Chemical Club is far outstripping the pack as far as energetic activity is concerned and that the Engineering and Business Club is dormant if not entirely dead. Between these two extremes there seems to be a relatively high level of activity.

The Chemical Club under the leadership of the very interested Walter Suboch has instituted weekly Tuesday noon hour general meetings with speaker and movies on a wonderfully varied group of subjects. They are not necessarily technical in nature and have proved to be very popular with the members of the course. The Club has also organized a class dinner, the odd field trip and encouraged members to attend the regular meetings of the Chemical Institute of Canada.

The Aeros are also very active with general meetings including the four years of the course and featuring speakers from the Canadian aircraft industry and movies. Field trips and attendance of regular meetings of the Canadian Aeronautical Institute have also been organized.

The Mining and Metallurgy Club, the hybrid club of the faculty, under the very enthusiastic Ceesas McCrea, has had an extremely successful Dinner Meeting in the Great Hall of Hart House with the speaker, the Minister of Mines. Also organized were several general meetings with all four years in attendance with speakers, debates and movies.

The Mechanical Club has interested itself more in inducing its members to take part in the Faculty projects like School Night and the Float Parade but have also organized about two field trips for each class with the exception of the first year. There was also a dance for the whole club.

The Electricals tried something a little unusual at their Dinner Dance which was held at the Oak Room last fall. They had Dr. Blotz from the Institute of Child Study to speak to them in the psychological vein. Field trips have also been organized for all years.

The Civil and also the Physics Club have had less energetic programs. The Civils have had a dance and organized about three field trips and the Physics group have thrown a stag at the 48th Highlanders Mess and conducted two field trips.

But the Engineering and Business Club has definitely the worst record with one semi-organized field trip in third year and a bring-everyone-to-the-party in fourth year as the sum of their endeavours. In all fairness it should be pointed out that field trips have been organized in relation to a Manufacturing Processes course thus limiting club activity in that regard. But these have been only for the senior year.

CLUB NEWS

CIVIL CLUB

The Civil Club has had a very successful first term with prospects for even a bigger and better second term.

Several interesting field trips were organized. Fourth year visited Sir Adam Beck #2 Hydro plant at Niagara Falls; Third year, The Bethlehem Steel plant at Buffalo and The Photographic Surveys Corporation, Second Year, The Steelco Steel plant in Hamilton.

The Civil Club Annual Dance was held at the Embassy Club on the 13th of January and was a tremendous success. The dance was a financial success in addition to providing excellent entertainment for all.

The Civil Club Dinner will be held at the Chez Paree on the 9th of February.

MECHANICAL CLUB

Prior to the Christmas holidays the Mech. Club arranged several interesting field trips.

4th Year Mech. Eng. Class visited the R. L. Hearn Generating Station on November 19, and on December 1 visited the Gas Turbine Division of the A. V. Roe Plant.

The class of 576 Mech. Eng. had an interesting and enjoyable trip to the Sir Adam Beck Generating Station #2 on November 23. On December 9 a tour was made of the Strachan Ave. Plant of the John Inglis Company.

The Steel Company of Canada was visited by 2nd year Mech. Eng. on November 2 and on November 23 they visited Neptune Meters and the Aluminum Company of Canada.

Arrangements have not yet been made for trips in the second term.

The Mech. Club Dance on Saturday December 11 was a great success in that the event was well attended and those who did attend enjoyed themselves. The next social event will be the Mech. Club Supper which will be held in late January or early February. Arrangements are being made to obtain a prominent speaker. The supper will allow Mech. club members of all years to get together and that means a good time.

CHEM. ENG. CLUB

On Jan. 25, 1955, what is hoped to be the first annual Nursineering Night is to take place at 50 St. George St. School of Nursing. An attempt is being made to ensure an equal proportion of well-proportioned nurses to red-blooded Chemical Engineering undergraduates, therefore advance sales are very important. Three Chemical Engineers—Miss Amy Forman, Mr. E. Bradley and Mr. "Nobby" Clark have stellar roles in the dramatic-comedy(?) skit "Frank and Ernest". Songs, food and dancing round out the evening. Admission fee is 25c.

The Chem. Eng. Club is falling down if it acts only as a ticket agency for the social affairs of the Eng. Society and itself. Even to aid in the organization of them is not enough. Thus a programme of weekly Tuesday noon-hour meetings was inaugurated—(1) to expose average undergraduates to the other devious University forces (2) to bring special features of Chem. Eng. out (3) introduce staff to students—(speaker) (4) bring all 4 years together. It is working very well so far.

We started a cultural-social night called Nursineering. Skits are to be of a serious but humorous nature. Not in competition with School Night.

Also an extracurricular 4th year plastics study group is functioning. We hope in time that other groups will start as well.

THE CASE AGAINST NFCUS

The National Federation of Canadian University Students is dead—not officially, of course; but this perennially weak organization is now so overrun with dispute, dissension, and mismanagement, that all hope for its survival must be abandoned. The trend has been apparent over the past several years. Each September the S.A.C. decides to give N.F.C.U.S. "one more chance" and Toronto becomes a member; and time and time again N.F.C.U.S. has proved to be unworthy of Toronto's support.

The typical N.F.C.U.S. year begins with the annual conference, held early in the fall. The emotional appeal of "national student unity" prevails throughout the discussion, and the delegates draft a series of projects which inevitably includes national scholarships, income tax and unemployment insurance exemptions for students, cultural competitions, and student travel plans. There is no denying it—these are worthy causes indeed. But, once the conference is over, N.F.C.U.S. has shown again and again that it is unable to produce results. In the last three years, it must be agreed that the beneficial effect of N.F.C.U.S. to the average engineer has been negligible; moreover, there is little hope for significant changes in

the future. And so the annual cycle continues — N.F.C.U.S. makes wonderful plans, the S.A.C. gives it another chance, then the plans gradually fade away.

This is, however, not the true evil of the situation. It would be unreasonable to condemn an organization simply because it is weak; but we do condemn N.F.C.U.S., for it is not only weak but expensive. To put it simply: N.F.C.U.S. has wasted our money; N.F.C.U.S. is wasting our money; and N.F.C.U.S. will continue to waste our money until we do something about it. We can ill afford to waste this money, for many of the activities of the S.A.C. are hard-pressed financially because of the annual "loss" to N.F.C.U.S.

Fortunately, we are in a position to correct this situation. Next Tuesday, the Engineering Society will vote on Toronto's membership in N.F.C.U.S. Its S.A.C. representatives will carry its feelings to the Council meeting on Wednesday night, where the issue will be decided. Engineers, being the most intelligent group on the campus, have long been doubtful of the value of N.F.C.U.S. The Engineering Society has consistently opposed Toronto's membership in it and your loyal S.A.C. reps are traditionally associated with the anti-N.F.C.U.S. cause. Thus, with the support and leadership of this faculty, the University of Toronto may free itself from the bonds of N.F.C.U.S. and proceed to bigger and better undergraduate activities.

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

As the new year begins, it is worthwhile to look back on the social events of the past few months, and to assess their value to the engineering undergraduate.

The first real social event of the year was the School Dinner, held in Hart House on November 4th. The Engineering Society was honoured in having Mr. J. R. White, President of Imperial Oil Ltd., as guest with 342 students and faculty members present.

The worth of this function is perhaps best expressed in the letter of invitation sent to Mr. White; that "the thought of the Engineering Society behind the School Dinner is to give the student some ideas beyond the technology of his profession." Mr. White's thoughts pertained to the fact that Engineers have done much to improve the social standards by which we live. The School Dinner is indeed a function of great worth to the student, and provides him with the opportunity of hearing from not only men of prominence about the University, but from great men in all external fields.

School Night, the annual Engineering Campus Review was held in Hart House Theatre from November 17 to 20. In a radical departure from the thoughts and aims of previous School Nights, those responsible for School Night ST5 attempted to produce a more professional show along higher lines. Praise in the highest terms was extended to the participants from the faculty, and the student reaction was mainly favourable. More people saw School Night than ever before, and it is to be hoped that this trend will continue in the future, and that the show itself will set the pattern for future shows.

To the general student body, School Night represents spirit, fun, and entertainment. For those who participate in it, however, it holds much more. It portrays a feeling of fellowship in working together, a purpose of attainment of a goal, an individual experience in taking part in a distinctive University activity, and the pleasure of a job well done. School Night is indeed of worth to the student body, and plays a prominent part in School activities.

Cannon Capers, was definitely an experiment; the problem now is whether or not a similar dance should be held next year. This is something that will have to be decided by next year's new executive, who are chosen in February.

Your executive is composed of elected officers directly responsible to the student body. Due to the largeness of the faculty, students usually fail to comprehend this significant part, and as a result fail to express their feelings to the executive. The Engineering Society is now asking your opinion on the functions sponsored during the past few months. Did you enjoy them? The three functions mentioned above represent a cash outlay of roughly \$5000.00, which was contributed by you the students. Do you feel that you are getting your money's worth?

In closing, the Engineering Society would like to thank all those who participated in and attended the events of the past year. Questions, opinions, advice and help are always appreciated in the stores. Why not come in some time and let the Society know how you feel about their work?

DEBATE

The first all-engineering Debate was held on Friday November 26th, on the resolution, "Resolved that Engineers do not deserve the right of self-government."

(A) Government Speakers (Tom Virany, Jim Vasoff).

(1) Charged the Freshman Reception Committee with complete neglect of the report of B. L. Laver of October 23rd, 1953 who recommended the Freshman Tour be discontinued or a riot would be the consequence.

(2) Showed the Engineering Society Executive to be non-representative on the basis of the past three elections and pointed out the predominance of members of one course on the executive for the past two years.

(3) Suggested Fraternities were removing many Freshmen from S.P.S. activities to those of a purely social nature.

(B) Opposition Speakers (Morely Marks, Walt Suboch).

(1) Pointed to the responsibility of Engineering Society Executive with relation to activities such as the Float Parade, School Night, and School Dinner.

(2) Stressed that the Caput and Faculty Council were the Real Campus Governments and the Engineering Society was merely a social organization with social promoters on the executive.

(3) Pointed out the weakness of the Engineering Society Executive because of the nature of its prerogative and limited constitution.

(4) Charged the Caput with responsibility for the riot and condemned it for buck-passing to the Engineering Society Executive.

(5) Pointed out the low prestige of Engineering Students on this campus stemming from total lack of disciplinary power of the executive.

(6) Recommended that the Engineering Society Executive be given disciplinary power.

Discussion from the Floor on the

Resolution:
This degenerated into an attack on the Engineering Society Executive.

(1) Three freshmen wished to know the nature of an executive whose representative had instructed them to riot and then severely chastized them.

(2) A spokesman of these freshmen pointed out that the negative attitude was general of first year, and felt he had no reason to support activities of such executive.

(3) In place of the mob violence of Thurs. Sept. 23, 1954 a student suggested healthy organized riots of the type of the Trinity Cake fight and the Vic Apple Battle.

(4) Former Engineering Student from Edinburgh University speaking of student government stated his had the power to:

(a) Suspend any student from attending social functions whose conduct was not in good taste.

(b) Fine any student for disorderly conduct.

Business:

Because of the general negative policy towards the Engineering Society Executive another debate was suggested on a topic which would spot-light the executive.

House Vote:
The resolution was carried 11-10.

ENG. SOCIETY MEETING

The first meeting of the new year was held in the Debate's Ante Room in Hart House on Tuesday, January 11, 1955.

Plans were discussed for the Winter Carnival to be held at Caledon Hills Farm on Saturday and Sunday, January 22nd, and 23rd. Teams from each Faculty are to be entered in the sports competition, and a winner will be chosen on a total points basis. One of the highlights of the Carnival will be the picking of an "Igloo Queen" — the girl who would best survive in an igloo. A modified version of the chariot race will be held in conjunction with the carnival, with entries from all Engineering Clubs and other faculties and colleges. This will be held on the front campus on Wednesday, January 19th, at one o'clock.

Gord Hurlburt, S.A.C. Representative announced that the question of the proposed 50 cent per person increase to NFCUS would be discussed at the next meeting.

It was announced that there were several unclaimed Engineering jackets in the stores, and that these would be sold to anyone at a reduced price.

Plans were discussed for the School At-Home, to be held in the Royal York on Thursday, February 3rd at 9:00 p.m. Frank Bogart and Benny Louis will supply the music, and entertainment will be provided by a performer straight from the Arthur Godfrey show. Six hundred tickets at \$3.00 each will be sold for this event, and the dance will be semi-formal.

The question of stag parties was brought up by club chairman. The Society refused to take any stand on this rather ticklish subject.

A report was heard from the Christmas Party committee. Children from the University settlement were treated to a fine afternoon just before Christmas, and a good time was had by everyone.

Up till the first of January, the stores had done business to the extent of \$31,000, of which \$7,100 was profit (23%).

The damages resulting from the Freshman Reception (not including \$4,000. fine) were \$230.

Further subsidies of \$150. and \$200. were granted to the Grad Ball and Toike-Oike respectively. This grant was made possible by the increased profits from the stores. Any further extra money will be divided among the engineering clubs.

The elections this year will be held on the 18th of February. Nominations will be held on the Friday and Monday preceding the elections. Watch the bulletin boards for further announcements concerning the annual elections.

A blood drive will be held this year, from February 1st to the 7th. The School Cannon, at present held by the Forresters, will be awarded to the college or faculty having the highest percentage of donors.

The engineering society moved to declare the week of January 24th "Professional Week." A general meeting of the Society will be held on Friday, January 28th, in room T-102. An R.C.A. demonstration and talk on colour television will highlight the meeting.

ENG. SOCIETY ELECTION NOMINATION FEB. 11, 12, 14

The nomination dates for the coming annual elections are not far off. Now is the time to be thinking of whether you would like to take office in this organization. Above all remember that your education will not be complete unless you do more than just attend university. Extra-curricular activities are just as essential as good marks when it comes to getting a job, making friends, and obtaining useful experience for your future career.

Read about the following positions which are open to you. Remember \$30,000 odd dollars a year are to be spent by someone. It is your money, so have a say in how it is spent.

President (4th year only)

- organize, coordinate, advise and keep an eye on all the activities of the Engineering Society.
- call regular meetings and chair these meetings.
- handle routine mail of general nature.
- report to the Faculty as required.

First Vice-President (4th year only)

- organize all social activities, and be Chairman of School Nite School Dinner, and School At-Home Committees.
- call meetings of social committees as required.
- report to regular Eng. Soc. Meetings.
- take over the affairs of the Eng. Soc. when the President is unable.

Second Vice-President (3rd year only)

- Operation of the supply store
- Contacting suppliers, ordering all supplies, figuring prices, displaying merchandise, and re-ordering (all with the assistance of the full-time staff).
- report to regular executive meetings.

Treasurer (3rd year only)

- co-signer of all cheques (with the President).
- formulation of budget, keeping an eye on bank balances, accounts payable and receivable.
- checking such things as bank deposits, insurance, etc.
- recommendations and reports to regular executive meetings.

Secretary (2nd year only)

- taking of minutes and prepara-

tion of final minutes for typing by full-time staff.

—reading of minutes to regular executive meeting, for approval.

IV Year S.A.C. Rep.

- represent School at every meeting of the S.A.C. and to report back to regular meetings of the Engineering Society.

- be on an S.A.C. Committee either as Chairman or member.
- for full S.A.C. Duties, check with S.A.C. Office.

III Year S.A.C. Reps.

- same duties as outlined above for IV Year Rep.

External Affairs Representative.

- head of a committee of his own choice to handle all matters external to Eng. Soc. such as External Affairs Commission of S.A.C., Share Campaign, Blood Donor Drive.
- report to regular Eng. Soc. Meetings.

Director of Professional Relations (4th year only)

- Eng. Soc. liaison man with Engineering Institute of Canada and the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario. Advice to them on their student membership campaigns and campus programme (from student point of view).
- responsible for obtaining good professional speakers for regular General Meetings of the Engineering Society.
- does General Engineering Society work.

Club Chairman (4th year only)

- keeping an eye on finances, speakers, dances, field trips etc. of the club, and holding regular executive meetings.
- reporting to regular meetings of Eng. Soc. Executive and taking part in special Eng. Soc. Committees.

Year Presidents

- organize any activities as sought by the year as a whole.
- represent interests of year at regular Eng. Soc. meetings.
- take part in various Eng. Soc. Special Committees.

4th Year President

- organization of Grad. Ball and Chairman of Grad. Ball Committee.
- also duties in regard to Alumni relations and Iron Ring Ceremonies.

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Senior School Basketball

JR. SPS "A" Retain Volleyball Championship

It is generally accepted that Jr. School is again the team to beat this year for the Sifton Trophy. Holdovers from last year's championship team include Bill Karpinski, Hank Galka, Serge Pellegrini and John Westwood. The veterans are strengthened by a topnotch group of freshmen, Dick Jaworski, John Bray, Alex Fraser, Doug Winter, and Izzy Pastushak. Up from last year's fourths are guards Art Clewes and Tom Hamilton. If possible, the team seems to be better balanced than last year's and prospects are at least as good.

Already two games have been played, both ending in School victories. In the first, Karpinski showed his usual spectacular form and led the team to a 48-32 victory over Jr. U.C. with 16 points. In the second, Fraser started to show his expected form, scoring eight as did Karpinski. The game was a 45-33 victory over Jr. Vic, in spite of the rather ridiculous refereeing.

As the team gains experience playing together, the play will no doubt improve. There seems to be little opposition in this league to stop them from continuing their winning streak.

Senior School has a strong, experienced team this year. Most of the players are either up from last year's Junior School champs, or are back playing their second season with the senior squad. We are very fortunate in having Bud Natanson of Tri-Bell fame as coach, and with a few more practices the team promises to mold into a real powerhouse.

The initial game of the schedule was a tough match. After a closely fought game, a strong med's team managed to nose out a 33-30 win. For the first two periods the S.P.S. team played well and held a 23-16 lead at the end of the second period. The final period spelled the downfall however when School's zone went to pieces and the med'sman netted 17 points to the engineer's 7. Earl Ford was the top marksman for S.P.S. netting 7 points, oddly enough, all in the last period. Dave Shiels with 6 and Don Ottaway and Bruce Day with 5 apiece were close behind. A lot of foul shots were missed, but on the whole the team looked good, considering they were playing together as a unit for the first time. Come out and see the team in the next game; they deserve lots of support.

It was quite a successful season for the Jr. S.P.S.'s. During the entire season they did not lose a single game, and were able to beat teams like St. Mike's with a score of 15-0; 15-1.

In the semi-finals Jr. S.P.S.A. met S.P.S.III. This was one of the best games of the season. Both teams were at their best, but Jr. S.P.S.A. emerged as victor.

In the final game between School and Meds IV the School team won the first out of five sets, but lost the next two. Meds lost the fourth set by a small margin, and were leading in the final set 14-8. Though they were almost sure of victory, they were not able to score the final and decisive point. It was due to the perfect co-ordination of the whole School team, and especially the setting up by team captain G. Upatnick and the spiking of O. K. Uencis, that Jr. S.P.S.A. won the final set with a score of 19-17, and thus became U. of T. Division I Champions.

The game lasted for two hours, which is unusually long for volleyball.

S P O R T O I K E

by Dave Shiels

At long last, Varsity has its own Winter Carnival. Last Wednesday a Chariot Race was held for all campus sportsmen and this year it was not confined to engineers. This bloodshed acted as advance publicity for bigger things to come on the week-end when it is hoped that many students will trek to the Caledon Hills Farm to compete in such traditionally winter sports as tobogganing, skiing, skating, woodchopping, snowshoeing and dancing. The faculty winning the most points in competition will receive the Mounted Fox Pelt Trophy.

Faculties, fraternities and residences are entering representatives in the Carnival Queen Contest. Joan Pierdon will represent S.P.S. in the contest. The weekend will be climaxed on Sunday at a mammoth square dance at which the Queen will be chosen after a weekend of contests.

The idea for the Winter Carnival comes from McGill where it is the big campus event of the year. The Carnival has been traditionally successful at McGill and it is hoped that Toronto will adopt it equally well. But to be successful, it must have support, especially at its inauguration.

This might well take the place of the Quebec Ski week-end as it is less expensive and more fun. If you haven't planned to go already, then do it now or you'll miss the weekend of the year. Girls! Girls! Girls! That's what you'll find at Caledon. It's your chance to get away from the wife for a weekend. Oh yes, and don't forget your skates!

While on the subject of winter sports, don't forget the hockey blues. Last week they walloped Laval 12-7 before a large crowd at Varsity Arena. These games are drawing more and more fans and since the admission is nil for students, a hockey evening is the order of the season. With the Blues having the best team in years and leading the college league with nary a loss or tie, hockey interest is being well maintained at old Varsity.

Engineers such as John Akitt, Don Cossar, Dave Reid, Clare Fisher and Dave Jackson are currently starring for the pucksters. Dave Reid, a former Marlboro Junior player, is leading the league in scoring points. Don Cossar was last year's team scoring champion and gained two goals in last week's victory. When the team plays at home, don't forget Varsity Arena on a Friday night.

HOCKEY

FRESHMAN WRITES

(CONTINUED)

During the past few weeks the S.P.S. hockey teams have been giving a good account of themselves. In the first Division Senior School is undefeated—winning four straight. John Uicki, their smooth centre, is top scorer with eight goals. Cruise and Harrison are also playing well on the forward lines. Pete Bannister and Bill Pollock have been very able on the blue line helping goalie Yaeger to keep the "goals against" average low. This team is definitely the team to beat and seems to be headed for its second Jennings' Cup in two years.

Junior School has been greatly weakened by the Intermediates, having lost three of their top line-men. Even after such a drastic cut they should gain a playoff spot. If coach Don Weir gets the boys in shape they might give Sr. School a run for the championship. (We've definitely decided that S.P.S. will win again this year.) They have won three and lost one. George Germain has been doing a good job in goal—allowing but one goal in the first three games. Topping, Thomson, Crawley and Worthly make up the defense corps while upfront Wilson, Surtel, Bielawski and McHardy have been playing well.

The S.P.S. 5ths under Coach Jimmy Taylor have been cleaning up in the lower divisions. They have won two and tied one. They shellacked Meds 12-0, and smothered Trinity 7-0. Marv Larsen, Pete Malk, Walt Moros, Keith McIntyre, coach Taylor and goalie Benham have been outstanding thus far.

Attendance at the noon hour games is greatly down from last year. Perhaps it is a long walk up to Varsity Arena, but the hockey is good and everyone likes to play to a crowd. Let's get out and support our teams.

Since Freshman Writes was discontinued last fall there has been a constant stream of irate undergrads filing into the Toike Oike office crying for its return. They claimed that they no longer found any inspiration or stimulus from the pages of this paper and threatened to petition the Engineering Society for our removal on the grounds that we were stifling their intellectual development. When they say these things about us what can we do? We bow to their desires as the democratic wish of the majority.

We sought out our deepest writer and begged him to pen some weighty words that would inspire the readers to continue the long, hard climb to maturity.

January 21, 1955.

Dear Ma,

Gee, I had a close call. Please don't get mad ma, but I'll have to tell you that I had a picture of a girl STARK NAKED from the knees down, in my room, hanging on the wall! I hadn't even hid it when one of BIG BROTHER'S morality boys came in to check my room for any traces of ART, under section 13b, of the "Bill of Tights". Quote "Thou shalt not commit nudes to canvas, or promote any form of culture." Get the sheer danger! I grabbed Papa Roskey's fur cap from the next room and hung it in the right place. The inspector gazed with his cold calculating eyes and said, "Dat young nids shave." I curtsied reverently and he left. What a close call! It reminds me of that horrible story—"NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE."

Oh ma! I've met the most beautiful girl. They call her Squirt. She's tall, healthy looking and chews tobacco. She's been everywhere: New Toronto, MIMICO, the Merchant Marine, and for 6 years she was a camel-riding instructor in Saudi-Arabia. Boy! That's a good question . . .

You'll be proud of her ma! It all happened on the subway the other day. As usual the train had its breakdown at 5 o'clock to give the conductors their "supper hour". Cheez, these T.T.C. kids are shrewd operators. Nothing much happened, just three wheels came off and a section of the floor caved in. When the train jerked to a stop, I dropped a carton of 24 pop bottles on this girl's lap, see? All she said was, "Thanks." She was so noble!

From then on things happened so fast—one thing led to another . . . and, well I gave her a new upper plate for an engagement present. She wears it on her right arm.

We've found an apartment. It's only \$200 a month and its real luxury.

Last night she said her conscience was bothering her (she's so sensitive) and she told me a few things about herself. I think she was just kidding. I found out her real name is Tess, but I like Squirt better.

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